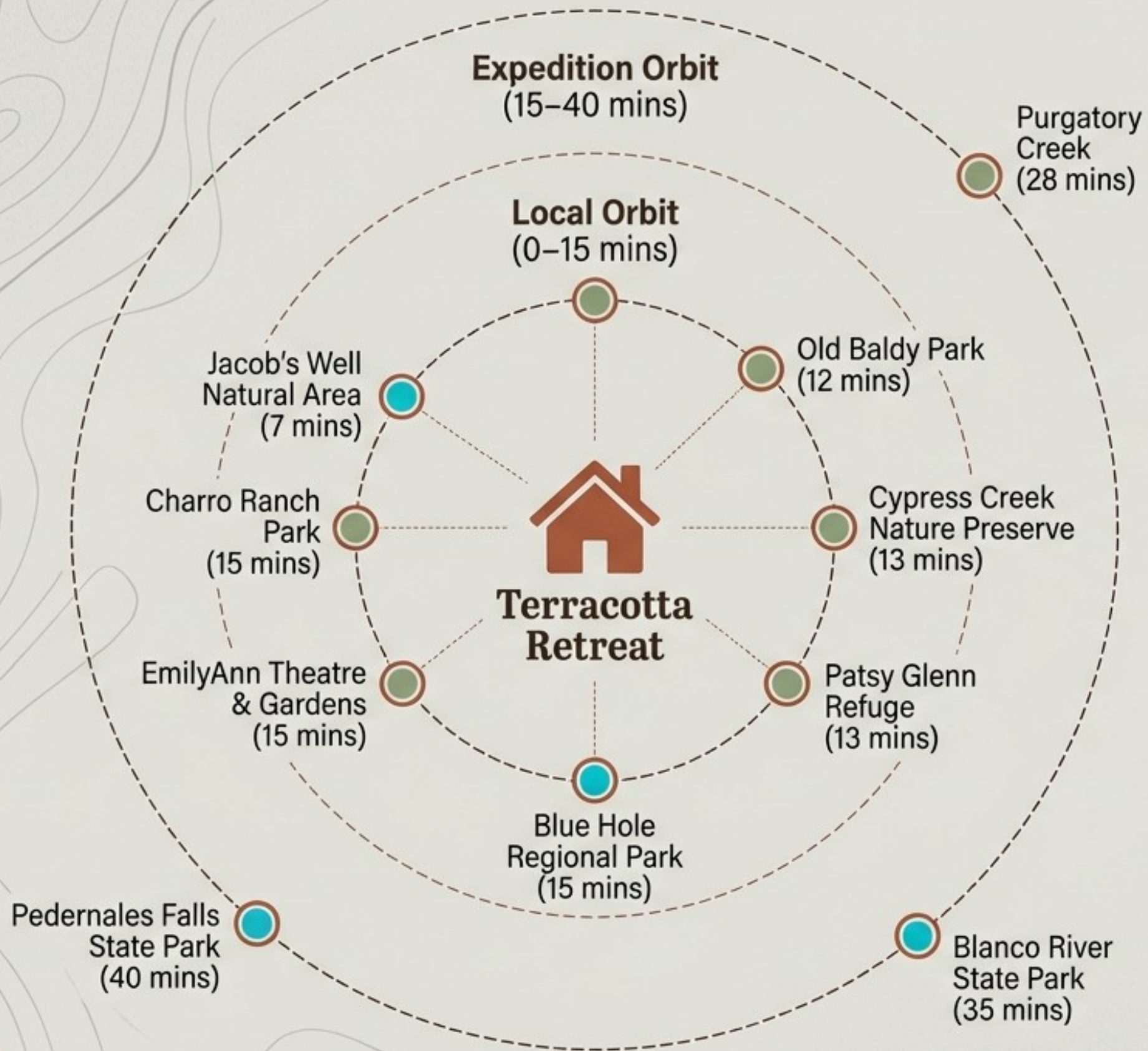


A Field Guide to the Texas Hill Country

Curated trails, seasonal strategies, and survival protocols for Wimberley and beyond.





Basecamp Advantage:

Seven distinct ecosystems lie within a 15-minute drive of your doorstep.



Dog-friendly



Reservation
Required



Free Admission



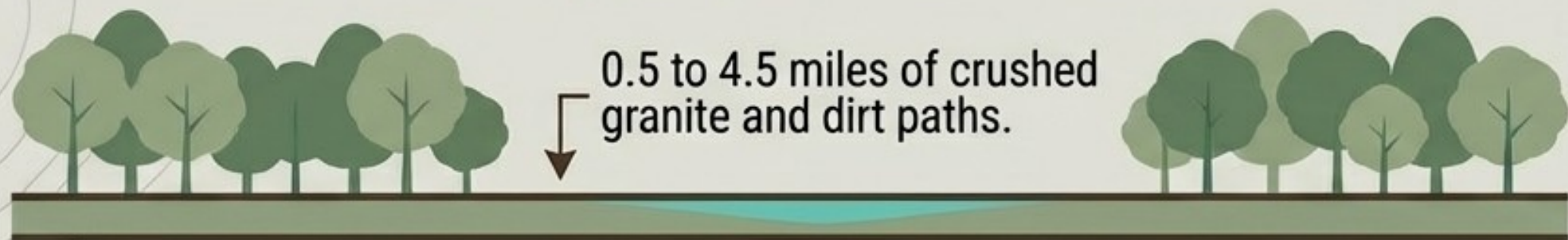
Family/Beginner
Friendly

Trail Name	Distance	Difficulty	Primary Vibe	Quick Filters
Blue Hole	4.5 miles	Easy-Moderate	Water/Forest	
Jacob's Well	1.5 miles	Easy	Geology/Spring	
Old Baldy	218 steps	Moderate (Steep)	Views/Sunrise	
Cypress Creek	0.5 miles	Easy	Solitude	
Charro Ranch	1.5 miles	Easy	Flora/Meditation	
Patsy Glenn	0.8 miles	Very Easy	Birds/Butterflies	
EmilyAnn Theatre	Varies	Easy	Gardens/Whimsy	
Purgatory Creek	12+ miles	Moderate-Hard	Rugged/Technical	
Blanco River	2 miles	Easy	River Walk	
Pedernales Falls	5.5 miles	Moderate-Hard	Dramatic/Distance	

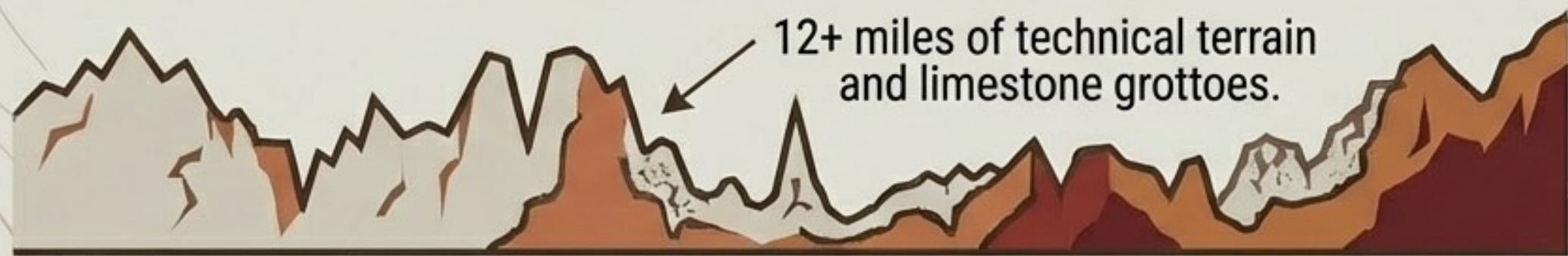
The Vertical Sprint: Old Baldy



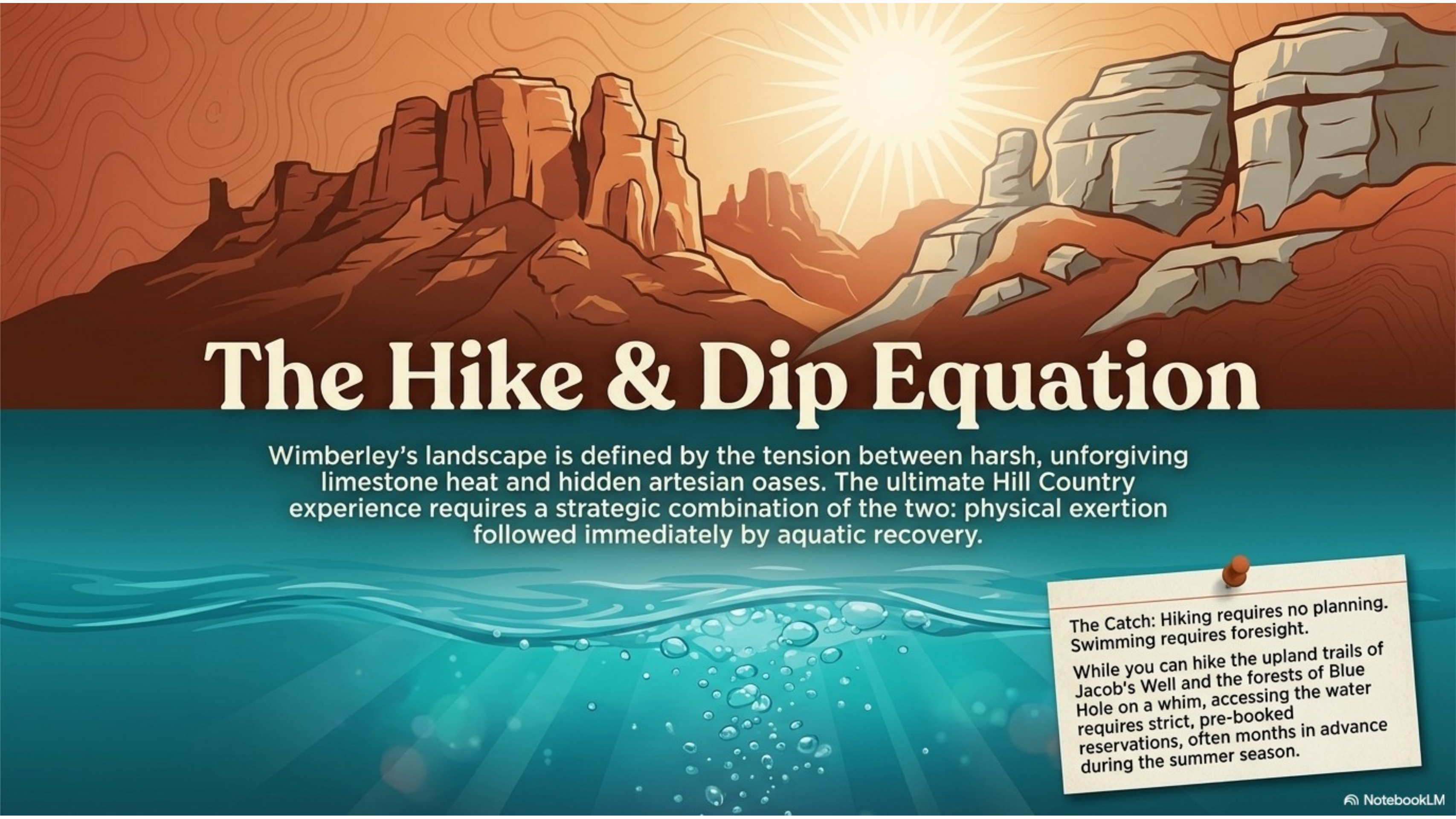
The Flatlands: Cypress Creek & Blue Hole



The Rugged Endurance: Purgatory Creek



Match your physiology to the topography. Wimberley offers everything from flat, stroller-friendly woodland loops to punishing limestone ascents. Choose your terrain wisely.



The Hike & Dip Equation

Wimberley's landscape is defined by the tension between harsh, unforgiving limestone heat and hidden artesian oases. The ultimate Hill Country experience requires a strategic combination of the two: physical exertion followed immediately by aquatic recovery.

The Catch: Hiking requires no planning. Swimming requires foresight.

While you can hike the upland trails of Jacob's Well and the forests of Blue Hole on a whim, accessing the water requires strict, pre-booked reservations, often months in advance during the summer season.



Blue Hole Regional Park
The Crown Jewel. Winding trails through old-growth cypress and cedar forests. Perfect for the hike-and-dip.



Jacob's Well Natural Area
The Upland Escape. Limestone cliffs and dry creek beds away from the crowds of the artesian spring.



Cypress Creek & Patsy Glenn
Town Solitude. Massive shade trees, bird blinds, butterfly gardens, and clear waters just a stone's throw from Wimberley Square.



Charro Ranch & EmilyAnn
Whimsy and Peace. Solstice circles, native Texas flora, interactive musical gardens, and life-sized chess sets.



Old Baldy (Prayer Mountain)

The 360° Panorama
The absolute best place in town
for sunrises and sunsets. **Short,**
steep, and **breathless.**



Purgatory Creek (San Marcos)

The Rugged Frontier
Dante's Trail provides dense
juniper thickets and **technical**
footing for **serious hikers**
and trail runners.



Blanco River & Pedernales Falls

The Bucket List
Dramatic limestone slabs
creating **prehistoric landscapes.**
Features the robust challenge
of the Wolf Mountain Trail and
the **natural swimming pools** of
the Caswell Nature Trail.

YEAR IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Winter
(December - February)

Best For:
Utter solitude,
long sightlines, and
birdwatching.
Temps: 50°F–65°F.
Crowds: Low.

Spring
(March - May)

Best For:
Wildflowers
(mid-April peak).
Temps: 65°F–80°F.
Crowds: High.

Fall
(October - November)

Best For:
Fall colours (Cypress
trees) and long hikes.
Temps: 60°F–80°F.
Crowds: Moderate.

Summer
(June - September)

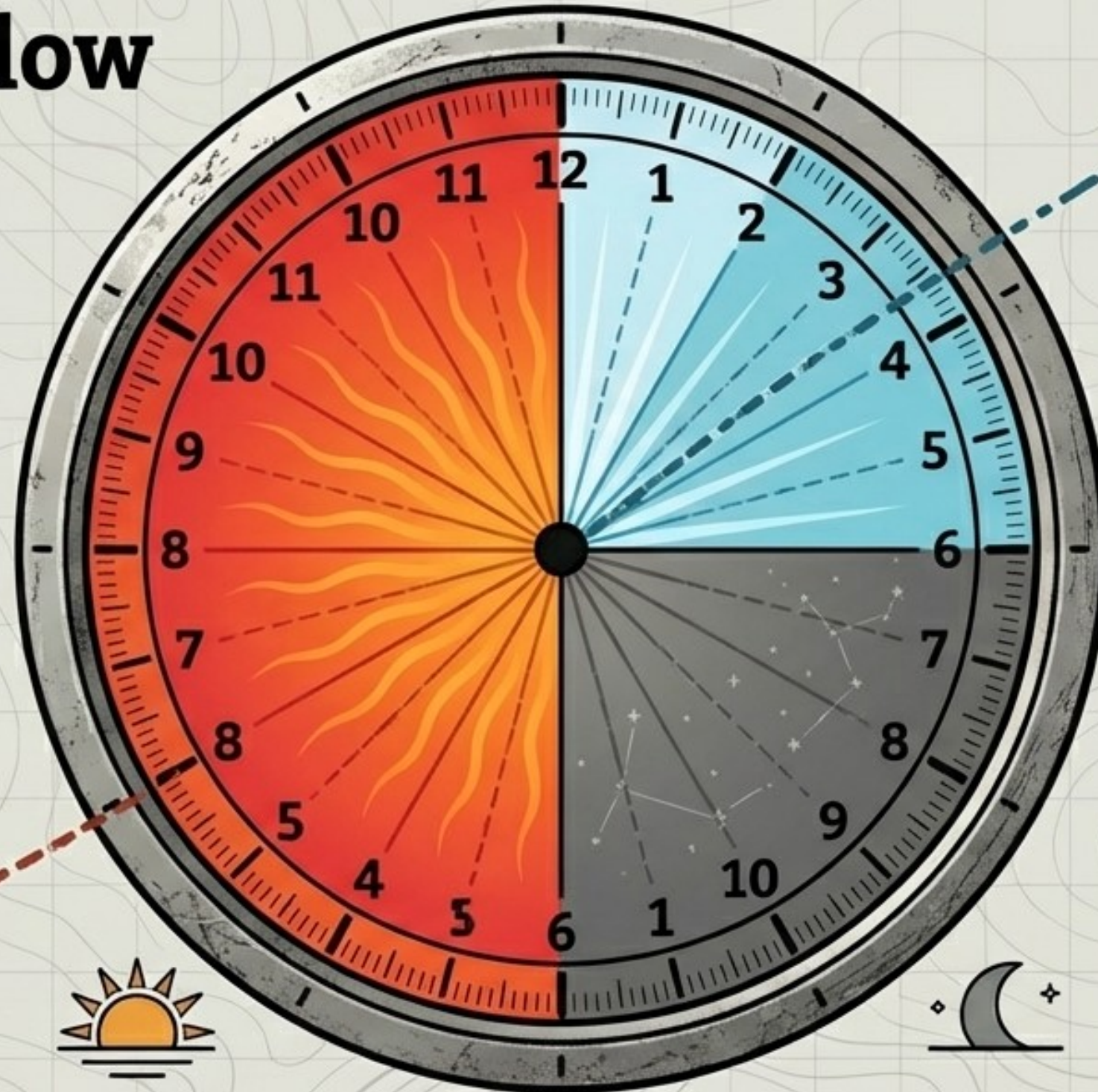
Best For:
“Hike & Swim”
combinations.
Temps: 90°F–100°F+.
Crowds: Very High.

The Summer Tactical Window

Texas summers routinely exceed 95°F–100°F. If you are hiking between June and September, you must adapt your schedule.

The Danger Zone

Off the trail. Retreat to the artesian springs, the shade of Blue Hole, or the air conditioning of Terracotta Retreat.



The Safe Window

Hit the trail early. Complete your exertion before the sun bakes the limestone.

ESSENTIAL GEAR LOADOUT

Hydration: The 1-Litre Rule.

You must carry 1 litre of water for every single hour of planned trail time.



Nutrition: Electrolyte Depletion.

Sweat drains salt. High-sodium trail snacks are mandatory to prevent severe muscle cramping.



Footwear: Traction

Wimberley limestone is notoriously slick when wet, and loose scree (rocks) requires ankle support.



Tech: Offline Maps

Cell service frequently drops in the canyon trails. Download maps via AllTrails before leaving basecamp.



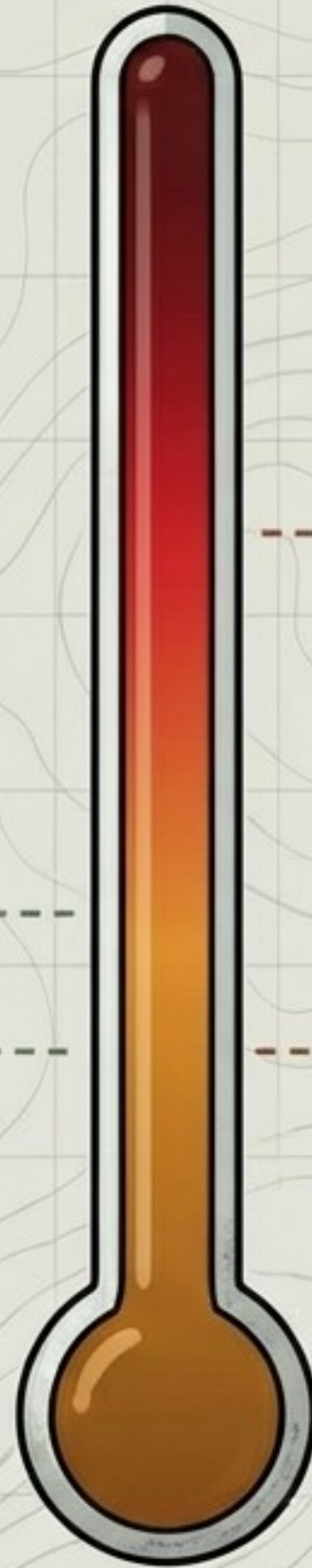
Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms:

Heavy sweating, dizziness, nausea, cool/clammy skin.

Action:

Stop and Sip. Find shade immediately, drink water slowly, and use wet cloths to lower body temperature.



Heat Stroke

Symptoms:

No sweating, high body temperature, confusion, fainting.

Action:

Call 911 immediately. This is a life-threatening medical emergency. Do not force the person to drink.



The Fauna: Rattlesnakes & Copperheads

These natives share the trails. Stay strictly on marked paths. Never place hands or feet under ledges, logs, or rocks where visibility is compromised.



The Flora: Leaves of Three, Let It Be

Poison ivy is highly abundant along the lush creek banks of Wimberley. Learn to identify it before wading through brush.



The Protocol: The Buddy System

Never hike the deeper trails like Purgatory or Pedernales alone. If you must, leave a precise itinerary and expected return time at your basecamp.

Return to Basecamp

The Texas Hill Country demands respect, preparation, and exertion. It rewards you with ancient cypresses, panoramic summits, and crystal-clear artesian waters.

When the trail ends, your recovery begins. Experience the perfect blend of style and modern comfort, strategically located at the centre of it all.



Terracotta Retreat, Lone Man Mountain Rd, Wimberley, TX.